

"Ashland Grows While Lithia Flows"
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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Scientific Water Cure Baths

On account of the excessive price of materials and scarcity of labor it is likely that the Ashland Sanitarium and hotel project will be delayed until after the war.

There is now an every-day demand for water cure baths. Some arrangement should be worked out whereby such visitors may be properly accommodated.

By taking space in one of the steam-heated buildings—the second story would be all right—a very effective small plant can be equipped at a cost of about \$2,500 for scientific baths for elimination treatment only.

The first consideration is that the city should not allow its water rights to be long tied up on a small project. That is a great asset in inducing big capital to invest in a bath house later and should be kept for that purpose.

The question is how to finance a bath equipment for our immediate needs.

The Tidings suggests this plan for consideration:

Organize a local company with \$2,500 capital. Have the capital subscribed by citizens for cash at par. City give the free use of its mineral waters until needed for a larger undertaking. The city to guarantee interest on the investment. The baths to be handled by a committee appointed jointly by the council and stockholders. The income from the baths to go into a special fund and be applied, first, to the payment of expenses and interest, then whatever profit is left to be applied on the original investment until it is liquidated. Then the baths to become the property of the city. In case the city demands the water for a larger undertaking before the original investment is cancelled the city to take over the plant by paying the balance. No doubt the investors in the larger undertaking could be induced to take over the equipment at least at cost in order to get the water rights. That would leave the city entirely in the clear and provide an immediate necessity for scientific water cure bath facilities.

By this plan, we think, local capital can be secured to be employed in the enterprise and the city would be protected both in its water rights and guarantee.

The council and stockholders, of course, would appoint a joint committee to secure quarters and install equipment for the baths.

The Tidings will take \$100 of the stock of such a company.

Motor Car Dealers Coming Saturday

The Motor Car Dealers' Association of Portland is on its way to Crater lake en masse. It will spend Friday and Saturday in the valley. Friday, day and evening, the tourists will be entertained in Medford. Saturday morning the company, about sixty dealers in twenty cars, will drive to Ashland, arriving here some time in the forenoon. The balance of the forenoon will be given over to calling upon automobile dealers and business men generally. They will take noon lunch at the Austin. At 2 o'clock the party will be taken over by a committee from the Commercial Club and piloted over the city, the park and the high drives. From 5 to 6 o'clock the visitors will be guests of the club at Helman's for a warm sulphur plunge, after which they will return to the hotel for dinner. From 8 to 9 there will be a band concert in the park. At 9 a watermelon feed will be served the visitors by the Commercial Club at the Bungalow. After the feed dancing will be indulged in until 11 or 12 o'clock. The dancing will be free. Citizens generally who dance are requested to be at the Bungalow at 9 o'clock as it is desired to give the visitors a good time. The visitors have with them two high-class entertainers who will put on a number of stunts at the Bungalow for the pleasure of Ashland citizens. The music will be exceptionally fine as the Portland entertainers will assist with the dance music.

Sunday noon the party will arrive at the rim of the lake, where a high jinks will be held. Valley citizens who have cars are invited to make the trip with the dealers.

Nature gives every man a character, but he has to supply his own reputation.

CITIZENS, BE THERE.

Saturday night the Commercial Club committee will entertain the visiting Motor Car Association members at the Bungalow with a free dance. We want to show them a good time. All citizens who like to dance are invited. Good music and free dancing.

Publicity Campaign To Be Started Soon

Plans are being worked out by the Commercial Club for a comprehensive publicity drive to cover a period of two years. It is thought that a high-class publicity man should be employed about the first of January and sufficient funds put at his disposal to forward a comprehensive campaign.

A committee of three will be appointed to work out the plan for financing the undertaking.

Christmas Presents For the Soldiers

What about those books you got for Christmas last year and the year before? You have read them and loaned them to all your friends, now be generous and pass them on to the boys that are doing your work at the cantonments and camps. We know the books look pretty in your bookcase, but you will have time after the war is over to collect plenty more to "ornament" your living room.

Write your name and address in each book, mark it for the soldiers, and leave at the public library, or telephone the librarian and the books will be called for.

Resolutions Passed Commending Frohbach

In appreciation of Secretary Frohbach's faithful and efficient work in connection with the Ashland Commercial Club the following resolutions to be sent to the Commercial Club of Three Forks, Mont., were adopted at the meeting of the trustees Tuesday evening:

"Whereas, the resignation of Mr. H. O. Frohbach as secretary of the Ashland Commercial Club has been tendered and with much regret by the club has been accepted, and

"Whereas, it is understood that he is about to leave the city and make his home elsewhere, to our loss and to the gain of the community that shall receive him,

"Now therefore be it resolved, by the trustees of this club, that its thanks and an expression of appreciation of Mr. Frohbach's high qualifications, business integrity and indefatigability in the discharge of the duties of his office with us is the least we can do for him; that we take great pleasure in recommending him as a gentleman of the highest ability for the character of work he has been called on to perform for us, and a man with whom it is a pleasure to be associated."

Klamath May Get Belgian Colonists

According to a news item from Klamath Falls, an effort is being made to bring a colony of Belgian families to Klamath county within the next few months. H. R. Reynolds, an extensive land owner of the county, made a trip to Portland not long ago in connection with his efforts to bring the Belgians to Klamath county. If his plans work out about twenty families will be brought to Klamath to specialize in dairying and truck farming.

About 300 families are to be sent to Marshfield and many are coming to Portland. Commercial bodies there are taking active steps to promote the matter, as these Belgians are known to be very thrifty and an aid to the development of the country.

Mr. Reynolds believes that if a group can be satisfactorily located here they will be as big a success as the Bohemian colony at Mallin.

Affection in dress indicates a flaw in intellect.

Life At Fort Stevens As Told By One Who Was There

If the mothers and fathers who have sons with the 1st company, Coast Artillery, who are located at Fort Stevens, could visit the camp for a few hours there would certainly be many enlightened hearts and less careworn minds. The boys are located in comfortable quarters, have most desirable work, plenty of time for recreation, and for the most part are most contented and enthusiastic. There are ten companies of Oregon troops camped in or near Fort Stevens. Of these the local 1st company, 9th company from Astoria, 6th company from Cottage Grove and the 4th company from Roseburg are camped together on an admirable site about 500 yards from the barracks and other buildings of Fort Stevens. Each of the companies have tents arranged on both sides of their company street. At one end of the street the companies' cook house and mess quarters are arranged, while at the other end of the street there is a roomy bath-house and sanitary incinerator erected. The bath-houses contain six cold water showers, sinks in which to wash clothes, and on the outside is a wash trough where the dirty hands and faces are supposed to meet their doom. Everything is well arranged and sanitary.

The Ashland company set the example for the rest of the companies when they first arrived at their camping site, and before the erection of the tents the tenting spaces and the company street were cleaned and leveled, so it is needless to say that the 1st company street and camping quarters were quickly pronounced to be the best by the officers of the post who examined the camps. The men are housed in "squad" tents, each tent containing twelve men. This takes eight tents besides a sergeants' and "top" sergeant's tent. The officers of the several companies have a row of tents nearby. The men sleep on comfortable cots and are provided with straw ticks, two heavy blankets, a rubber poncho and a canvas covering. The tents are equipped with electric lights and stoves. Many of the tents show the ingenuity of the occupants, some of them having wooden floors, gun racks, writing desks, etc., built in them by the comfort-loving soldiers who rustled enough goods boxes to make the needed articles. Corporal McGraw and Corporal Burnett's tent is especially well fitted out. Corporal McGraw's third squad tent is the point of the social gatherings, however, for it is here that the "Stringtown" quartet hold their nightly sessions to the discomfort of the officers who are camped in the immediate vicinity.

Everything is kept in tiptop shape about the camp. Every Saturday the equipment of every man and each tent is inspected and put in order. Forty-five minutes is spent each morning in policing the quarters and every particle of debris is picked up and burned. Needless to say the leggings and belts of the 1st company members are every one scrubbed to a spotless white all the time and there is no buttonless shirts or

blouses visible. The men have overalls and jumpers to wear while doing dirty detail work, so that their uniforms are kept spotless. The 1st company men are especially noted for their cleanliness and are the pride of the fort on inspection day.

The company puts in a busy day. It is hard to outline the present day's activities because of the changing of the day's routine to fit the needs of their new position as coast artillery engineers. Much of the hard infantry drills have been done away with for the 1st company, and in its place goes much time for studying and drilling in their new work such as the manipulating of searchlights, construction work of the big guns, signal work, etc. There is plenty of time for recreation, all Thursday afternoons being given over to athletics, and all day Sunday. The work will be a grand treat to all men who desired to take up electric work and engineering work for a life vocation, as their new position gives them opportunity to get the best of training and experience along this line, while the work is most desirable for all.

Much good-natured rivalry has sprung up among the various companies along athletic lines. In a wrestling contest with the men from Astoria, the men from the 1st company won five out of six bouts. "Ch" Delman, Charles Lamkin, Arthur Long, Burton Winne and others threw men of their class to defeat. "Battling Burney" Burnett and Ural Coleman have won several boxing contests with men from other companies. Baseball, punching bags, mouth harps, a mandolin, magazines (about six of them) form a means of recreation. The post store and the stores of Hammond and Flavel, about a mile and two miles away, a moving picture show in the post gymnasium, an occasional dance with women from Astoria and Seaside, all help to relieve the monotony of the day's work.

The men are allowed from Saturday evening until Monday off, and a special train is run to Seaside every Sunday for the benefit of the soldier. Astoria, with its city-like temptations, is but ten miles distant.

The men are up at 6 in the morning and are free at 6 at night, but must be in their quarters by 11 at night, but the day's work usually makes a 9 o'clock "good night" very popular. This will be changed when the men go to work on the searchlights. They will probably sleep most of the day then and do their work at night.

All mail and packages come to the postoffice at Fort Stevens, where they are sorted into bundles for each company and taken to each of the camps and then distributed to the men by the "top" sergeant.

The drinking water is good. Although it has been thoroughly sterilized, it is far from the good old water of Ashland creek, but that, like many other things, is one of the luxuries which the boys left in the good old city they all intend to return to when they are through "canning the Kaiser."

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Mineral Bathhouse Will Be Fitted Up

At the monthly Commercial Club directors' meeting Tuesday evening a movement was started looking toward establishing a mineral water bathhouse where scientific mineral water baths can be administered. A committee was appointed to investigate and report on the feasibility of such a project. It is generally felt that some move should be made at once along that line as many persons are coming in who desire baths. It was thought on account of the high prevailing prices of material and the scarcity of labor it was not likely that the main hotel and bathhouse project could be carried through until such war conditions changed. Therefore it was thought advisable for the Commercial Club to work out some plan whereby visitors could be accommodated pending the construction of the big bath-house.

The present indications are that the harvest this year will still find many of us with a bumper crop of poverty on our hands.

Cupid never seems to worry about results.

CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT.

There will be a band concert in the park Saturday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock for the entertainment of the Oregon Motor Car Association visitors, after which there will be free dancing at the Bungalow, to which citizens are invited.

Old Opera House Will Be Rebuilt

The present owners of the old opera house corner have agreed with the council to begin the erection of a new building about September 1. The council had insisted that something be done with the old structure as it is not only a menace to life but has stood an unsightly monument for some four years and should be taken from the landscape. Hence the decision of the owners to rebuild.

Los Angeles Man Will Preach Sunday

Rev. Dr. J. H. Speer, superintendent of church extension for the Los Angeles district of the Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church here next Sunday morning. Mrs. Speer, who was formerly Miss Margaret Caldwell Gehrett of Ashland, an accomplished singer, will sing at the service Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Speer and his bride were only married recently and are here visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Van Sant. Rev. Carnahan, the Presbyterian pastor, will be in the pulpit Sunday morning and assist in the service.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion

The old soldiers and sailors will hold their annual reunion in Ashland from September 10 to 15 in Lithia park. All comrades are cordially invited to attend. An especial invitation is extended to all Confederate veterans.

The reunion is to be held this year under the auspices of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Southern Oregon, which includes the G. A. R. posts of all southern Oregon and northern California. The coming reunion will be the twenty-fifth held by the association. Free soup, coffee, straw and wood will be furnished the old soldiers and sailors attending. There will be no regular entertainment provided for the first day, but special programs will be given on the other days. On the 11th Ashland will entertain, on the 12th Grants Pass, on the 13th Central Point and on the 14th Medford.

The officers of the local G. A. R. post are anxious to make the affair one long to be remembered for having met in Ashland. Each of them is working hard to make it a big success. The officers of the Ashland G. A. R. post are: G. O. Van Natta, colonel, commanding; J. E. Peterson, adjutant; J. P. Sayle, quartermaster.

Band Concerts Becoming Popular

The Wednesday evening band concert in Lithia park was well attended again. The evening was warm but pleasant in the park among the flowers and trees, the fresh grass and the cool breezes. After a weary day of labor in office or store or shop Lithia park is the most restful, peaceful spot in Ashland. One thing that made last evening's concert more appreciated was the fact that the Ashland band is showing improvement in the music rendered. While all of the concerts have been very good, last night's program was unquestionably the best.

On Saturday evening of this week the band will give a special concert in the park in honor of the visiting Automobile Dealers' Association members of Portland who are to be entertained by Ashland on Saturday. Following the band concert there will be a big watermelon feed and after that a dance at the Bungalow.

Everyone is welcome to the special band concert on Saturday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. A big crowd is expected.

Sugar Beets Saved By Irrigation

A decisive demonstration of what may be accomplished with irrigation and what may not be accomplished without it is seen in comparisons made in fields of sugar beets and alfalfa in many places in the valley at this time, but nowhere more palpably than in the Ross Lane district west of Medford. On the Loomis and Walters places are fields of sugar beets that were dying last week because of lack of irrigation. When soil moisture drops below the twelfth degree plant life being sustained therein begins to suffer; when the degree drops below 10, in a hot sun, the plant begins to wilt and die. It requires about 13 degrees of moisture to maintain plant food in any soil.

Twenty-two acres of the sugar beets referred to on Ross Lane were at once supplied with moisture by irrigation, and today those fields look strong and vigorous and full of natural life. A patch of sugar beets across the fence from one of those fields, having the same start and attention as its neighbors, is dying rapidly—because it has no water. There will be no harvest from that patch, while from the others it is estimated by those familiar with sugar beets, and their cultivation, a harvest of fifteen tons to the acre will be harvested.

The profit to be harvested from the irrigated fields will be about \$75 an acre, while from the unirrigated plot not only will there be no harvest, but the work done on it and the cost of the seed will be a total loss. The difference, therefore, is precisely that between life and death.

Flumes were hurriedly constructed from a nearby canal to carry the water to the fields on the Loomis and Walters places, and two pumps were detached from the Idaho-Utah Sugar Company's factory at Grants Pass and brought here to supply power to lift the water from the canal to the flumes, the latter covering a distance of 3,200 feet. Thus those places were irrigated, the result being that within a week the wilting beets were wholly revived and given a new lease on life that will give them a good yield and make them pay a handsome profit.

\$600,000 Irrigation Bonds Voted

Irrigation bonds in the sum of \$600,000 were voted by the people of the Talent irrigation district Tuesday, the vote standing 83 for and 60 against. Considerable opposition developed during the past few days, the result of sentiment in Ashland and the district south of here, to the effect that the Hyatt Prairie source of water supply will prove to be inadequate. They designated it as an experiment for which they were unwilling to pay the sum required to install the system.

The district engineer had made a survey of the situation and filed a report as a basis for a fair discussion of the proposition. The result of the vote Tuesday indicated that the majority of those interested were willing to rely on his report as to the adequacy of the water supply.

The result of Tuesday's vote must now be ratified by the state engineer, the state bank examiner and the attorney-general, after a careful investigation of the plans of the proposed Hyatt Prairie project, their report to be submitted to the secretary of state, if favorable, for his certification. Following this, the bonds voted will be placed on the market. The district board of directors will then sell the bonds and let the contractors for the work.

If the state committee's report be unfavorable, a revised plan will have to be submitted to the voters of the district for their adoption or rejection.

No More Camping In Ashland Canyon

The council decided Friday night to stop all camping in Ashland canyon above the lower intake on account of the danger of contaminating the water supply. An effort was made to stop camping at Long's cabin, but it was finally decided to bar campers only from city grounds along the creek.

Phone news items to the Tidings.